

Circa 1800

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Frog Range  
Cooksville  
Private

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The other significant architectural element of the house, the doorway is surmounted by a three section light.

Symmetrical fenestration, proportionally scaled from first to second floors, punctuates the facade. The windows are double-hung with six-over-six lights.

Owned by a Mr. Knott in 1878, it is similar in construction to its neighbor in Cooksville, The Roberts Inn, believed to have been constructed Circa 1800.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Frog Range

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

15408 Frederick Rd (NES RT 144 600" NW of Morgan Rd)

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Poole

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

15408 Frederick Rd

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland,

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 8 blk 8 P. 133  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 286

Folio #: 169

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

HO - 417

Dist. 4

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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#### THE SOUTH ELEVATION

Its south elevation holds a central, rectangular, entrance, surmounted by a three light transom, flanked by rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills. Three similar, second floor, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled windows also hold six-over-six lights.

A central, intersecting gable (running north-south) holds a trapezoid shaped attic window, holding a fourteen section light. Its north facade is faced with multi patterned shingles.

#### EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation holds a rectangular, second floor, double-hung window with six-over-six lights in the south bay and two four light attic casement windows.

A three bay wide, one room deep, one story high, hipped roof, frame appendage, resting on a cinder block foundation, runs along this elevation, projecting one bay southward. It holds a rectangular entrance on its west wall, a rectangular, one-over-one light window on its south wall and along its east wall the following: 1) A small, one-over-one light, rectangular, north bay window and a larger southbay, double window each component a one-over-one light window.

#### THE WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation of the original stone house holds a first and second floor, vertically aligned, rectangular window, holding two-over-two lights and six-over-six lights respectively, located in the south bay.

A double, first floor, rectangular window rests in the frame kitchen's west wall, each component a one-over-one light double-hung window. Above rest two second floor rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights.

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NORTH ELEVATION OF KITCHEN WING

The north elevation of the kitchen wing holds two, square, four light attic windows only. This section of the house is some 80 years old and replaces a previous log kitchen. Mr. Poole, the owner, has built in a brick wall and old fireplace, with dutch oven, in this kitchen, using the original brick used in the original construction of the old fireplace.

CONSTRUCTION OF OLD STONE HOUSE

The construction of this house is similar to that of Roberts Inn in Cooksville, Circa 1800. The original stone house features walls some two feet thick, with four feet thickness where the stone chimneys rise from the basement to the attic on the east and west walls.

Five fireplaces once served this house, one on the first and second floor east wall, one on the first and second floor west wall and another on the north wall of the kitchen.

One stone fireplace upstairs has been blocked in.

The first floor was once divided into two rooms, a dining room, occupying the central and west bays, with direct entry from the central bay entrance door, and a living room, occupying the east bay of the building. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poole, the present owners, discovered the original enclosed staircase once ran along the living room's north wall. They are in the process of changing a central staircase to its original location, creating one large room, with partial division, indicating the original plan.

Wide random width floors of some inch and a half thickness are found. Joists are of flattened log construction, with bark on.

In the general restoration of the building, Mr. Poole found hand split oak lathing under plaster about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart. This type of construction is said to have ceased circa 1810.

A large barn is located north of the house in which Mr. Poole works as a cabinet maker.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

HO - 417  
Dist. 4

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frog Range was designated a Bicentennial Historic House by the Howard County Bicentennial Commission in 1976 and as such, received an Historic House Plaque.

The building is architectually significant to the State of Maryland and to Howard County as an example of early nineteenth century vernacular stone architecture. It is similar in construction to Roberts Inn, its neighbor to the east, near the intersection of Routes 144 and 97.

The wide stone chimneys which rise from the basement to the attic are outstanding structural elements of the house, as well as its inch and a half thick, wide random width floors.

The hand split oak lathing in the house is also noteworthy.

Historically, the building belonged to a Mr. Knott in 1878. See Attachment 3. Mrs. Knill of 84 years, who lives across the street, once lived in the house. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knott bought the house some 16 years before she was born and found it tumble down at that time. It was they who replaced the old log kitchen wing, which has been further embellished by Mr. and Mrs. Poole.

For these reasons Frog Range should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, The State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate, should its owners so desire.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records  
Interview with Mr. Robert Poole, August 23, 1979

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 8

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 286 Folio 169

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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96.45A.  
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D.J.B. BROWN  
665/239  
6.41A.  
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WM. A. SCHULTE  
385/193  
69.95A.  
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ETHEL CROSS  
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EMMA KNILL  
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LOUIS FINE  
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ROBT. POOLE  
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DONALD S. NASH  
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Attachment I  
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Frog Range  
Tax Map 8

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R.W. BONIFANT  
592/433  
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R. INGELS  
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WM. D. REGAN  
643/203  
5.00A.

W.E. STREAKER  
814/36  
8.02A.  
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J.F. SEESMAN  
440/566  
5.00A.  
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WM. B. JOHNS  
740/410  
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Attachment 3  
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Frog Range  
Hopkins' Atlas of 1878





Attachment 2  
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Frog Range  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Woodbine, Maryland  
Quadrangle

The map is a topographic representation of the Frog Range area in Woodbine, Maryland. It features contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 500, 550, 600, and 650. A prominent road, likely Route 14, runs diagonally across the map. Other roads and trails are shown as dashed lines. A circled area is marked in the upper central portion of the map. The map includes labels for several locations: Lisbon, Carrs Mill, Cookville, Mt. Gregory, and Inwood. A creek is labeled 'Creek' near Carrs Mill. The map also shows a pipeline and various benchmarks (BM) with elevations. The title block in the upper right corner identifies the map as 'Attachment 2', 'HO-417', 'Frog Range', 'U.S. Geological Survey Map', 'Woodbine, Maryland', and 'Quadrangle'. The map is bordered by 'KONE AREA' to the north and 'CARROLL CO' and 'HOWARD CO' to the east.



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FROG RANGE  
SOUTH  
AUGUST '79

CITIZEN STATE DIVISION  
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